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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record the following publications which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application.

U.S. Patent No. 4,510,213 (Schnacke)

U.S. Patent No. 5,464,700 (Steck *et al.*)

Japanese Publication No. 6-325777 (Application No. 5-108347), published November 25, 1994, including an English Abstract

Japanese Publication No. 8-148169 (Application No. 6-309936), published June 7, 1996, including an English Abstract

Japanese Publication No. 9-289029 (Application No. 8-102462), published November 4, 1997, including an English Abstract

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